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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Danny Childs' Request for Appointment
to Discuss FY 79 Budget

I talked to Danny Childs today about his request to speak to you one-on-one concerning the FY 79 intelligence community budget. I had earlier sought to find out about the request from Bill Miller who had been unaware of it. Apparently Danny proceeded independently and without notifying Bill who was not in last Friday when the call was placed. Mr. Miller has since conferred with Danny and approves Danny's request.

It is Danny's perception that you may not have been fully informed on all of the circumstances surrounding the actions taken by the SSCI on our budget this year; why they did what they did; what were the possible choices open to them. He states that he simply wants to communicate these matters to you to clear up any possible misunderstanding. I asked him if he had any objection to me or [redacted] being present. He said that while he had no strong feelings about it, he would prefer to do it one-on-one.

COMMENT:

We have taken steps to make certain that an appointment like this is not placed on your schedule in the future without some comment by OLC. In this case, through inadvertence, we were only apprised of it after the appointment had been scheduled. I believe it would be unwise for you not to see Danny at this juncture. He would feel that we and the forces of protocol had ganged up on him to deprive him of a hearing. This would make no difference to me, if I were not convinced that he is trying to be helpful.

I will not be available on 18 October; (Our Conference is going on at the Farm) but I would suggest that [redacted] be with you during the meeting, if it is not possible to reschedule it for a time when I can be present.

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Frederick P. Hitz

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